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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

CHRISTOPHER C. BENZ, GARY K. SCOTT, and CHUAN-HSIUNG CHANG

Application No.: **08/978,217** 

Filed: 11/25/1997

A NEW ETS-RELATED GENE For: OVEREXPRESSED IN HUMAN BREAST AND EPITHELIAL CANCERS

Examiner: A. Holleran

Art Unit: 1642

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months; Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.